

PLATTSBURGH AIR FORCE BASE  
AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT SHOP/  
STORAGE FACILITY  
(Plattsburgh Air Force Base, Building No. 2815)  
Colorado Street  
Plattsburgh  
Clinton County  
New York

HAER No. NY-326-Z

PHOTOGRAPHS

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**Location:** Colorado Street, Plattsburgh, Clinton County, New York.

UTM: 18.621290.4946860  
Quad: Plattsburgh, NY-VT, 1:24,000 (1966)

**Date of Construction:** 1980

**Architect/Engineer:** Unknown

**Present Owner:** United States Air Force

**Present Use:** Manufacturing facility

**Significance:** Building No. 2815 provided space necessary to maintaining and holding powered aircraft support equipment in a state of readiness. It included space used to inspect, maintain, repair and service aircraft support equipment and included maintenance stalls, work benches, load bank testers, spark plug cleaner, tool crib/bench stocks, indoor wash rack, battery storage space and administrative space. Standby storage facilities stored support equipment that had been repaired and was awaiting dispatch back to the line maintenance units. A fueling station with 500-gallon tank provided a fueling point for diesel-powered vehicles and equipment.

**Project Information:** Building No. 2815 at Plattsburgh Air Force Base (AFB) is being documented in accordance with HAER standards to mitigate for the potential adverse effects of transferring deed of title to the property from federal ownership. The property transfer is a result of the disposal and reuse of Plattsburgh AFB, pursuant to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Act of 1993. The mitigation is a stipulation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) among the U.S. Air Force, the New York State Historic Preservation Officer, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (October 2000).

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**Summary Description of Aircraft Support Equipment Shop/Storage Facility (Building No. 2815)**

**Layout**

Building No. 2815 is a one-story, building, rectangular in plan. The building encompasses 26,500 square-feet of useable space. The building is clad in metal siding and it has a front-gabled roof. The front (west) façade has two large overhead garage doors; between the doors is a personnel door. The interior of the building was not inspected.

**Alterations/Additions**

There have been no alterations or additions made to the building.

**Function**

Constructed in 1980, Building No. 2815 was designed to provide space for the maintenance and storage of powered aircraft support equipment needing to be kept in a constant state of readiness.

**Significance**

Because all aspects of the Strategic Air Command (SAC) flight mission were required to remain in a constant state of readiness, it was essential to the SAC mission that various support equipment also be maintained and constantly ready to go. Accordingly, facilities such as the Aircraft Support Equipment Shop/Storage Facility were vital to SAC's Cold War mission.

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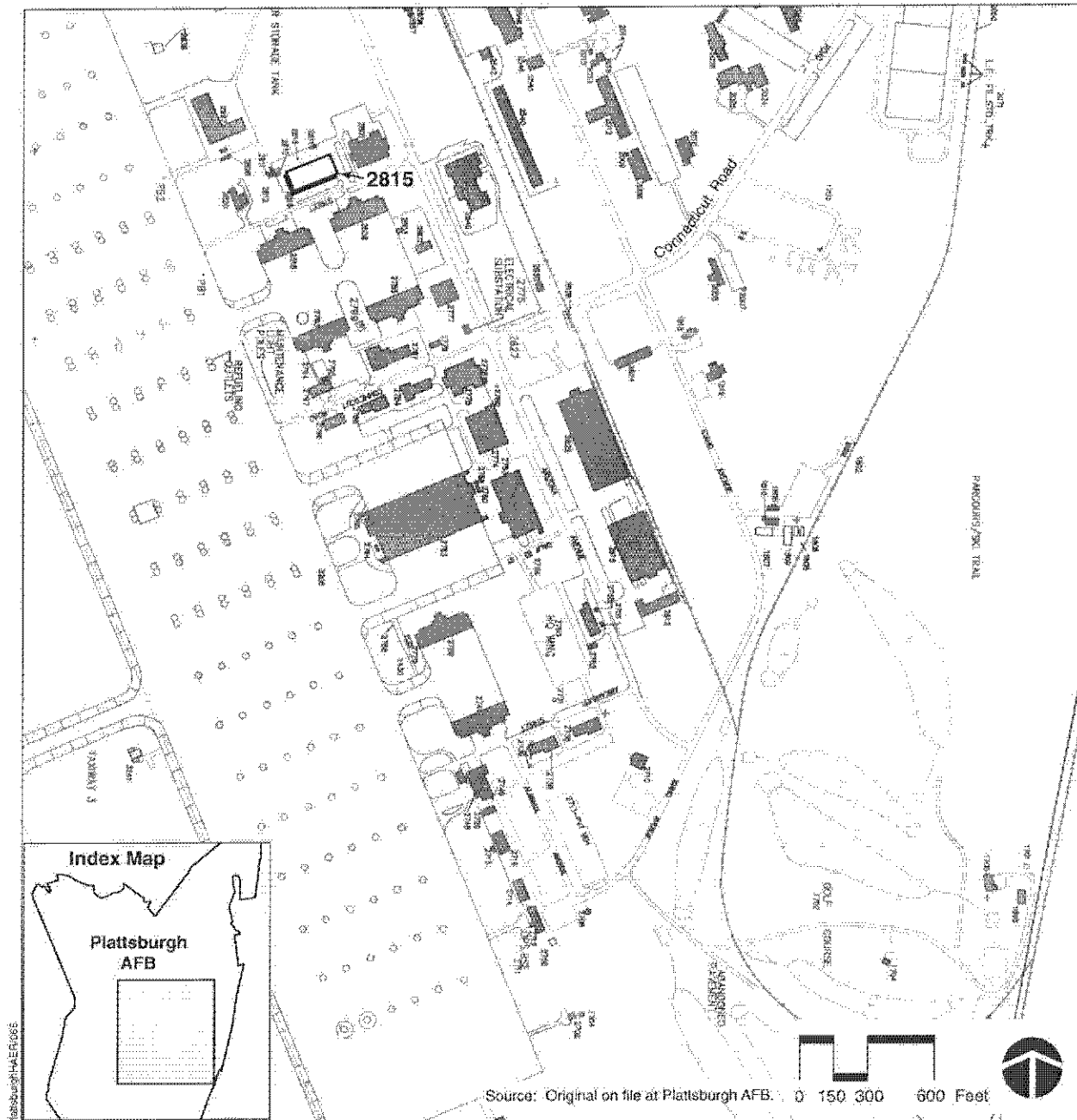
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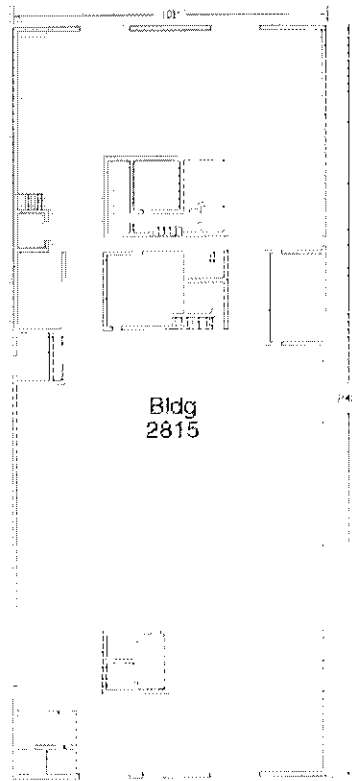
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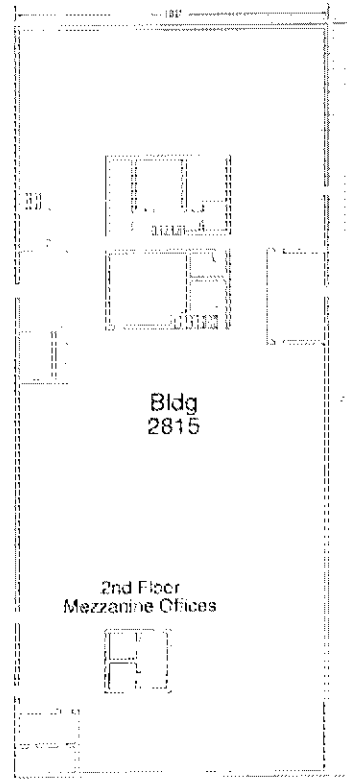


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First Floor



Second Floor



Sketch not to Scale

SKETCH PLAN—AIRCRAFT SUPPORT EQUIPMENT SHOP/STORAGE FACILITY  
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